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Student Council President Stresses Arts Education, Student Involvement

"I want to know what the students want," Student Council President Joe Noce says. "Council is going to be very dependent on the voice of the student body."

You can only make changes if you get involved with student council, Noce told sophomores at an orientation program on August 14.

Noce says this year's student council will seek faculty involvement and cooperation with administrators. Students who do not contribute to the council will be excluded, he says.

Noce advises sophomores to get involved, pay attention to class rank, and to keep smoking areas in good condition.

"Start looking for a career," he adds. "Three years go by so quickly."

Mr. Capriotti is instituting a STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL to aid the administration in setting policies. Joe Noce, class presidents, Vo-Tech representatives, and other delegates will serve on the committee.

Capriotti says the Student Advisory Council will meet monthly and serve in place of the volunteer student conferences last year.

Noce wants to suggest better education in the arts to the committee. He

claims there are too many funds for sports.

There should be more emphasis on drama, music, dance, photography, creative writing, and art at MN, he says. Noce suggests a faculty advisory committee, for each of the fine arts that are practiced here.

Federal and state funding for this program, which would include multi-media presentations, could be obtained by the school, Noce says.

Details of such a program could be worked out by Student Council and must be considered by the Student Advisory Council. This is one reason for a working student council, Noce says.

Executive Student Council officers for 1974-75 also include Vince Giorno, Business Vice-President; Susan Beker, Executive Vice-President; Julie San, Corresponding Secretary; Lynn Matchica, Recording Secretary; Leslie Cederquist, Treasurer, and Lisa Nocella, Parliamentarian.

Cutters To Receive No Make-Up Privileges

Cutting of classes by any student will result in possible suspension and no make-up privileges whatsoever, Mr. Capriotti says.

The policy of ten day's suspension with no make-up privileges still exists and will be used in cases of cutting, drug possession, and theft that have been elicited by administrators.

LATE BUSES RESTORED

Late buses for the 1974-75 school year will follow the same schedule as in 1973, before MN suffered from gas shortages.

Buses will run at 4:15, 5:15, and 6:00 p.m. each day, Assistant Principal James Best says.

Administrators say since school days end earlier this year, students will have more time for extra-curricular activities before the 4:15 bus arrives.

Mr. Capriotti says the revised afternoon schedule also helps students retain afternoon employment. In addition, the athletic department can reduce its interference with afternoon classes.

Band To Play On Ice

Ice skating while playing musical instruments is the new ambition of the MN Band, to be fulfilled at

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Administration To Charge Trespassers

Trespassers on school property, "will be prosecuted by law," Mr. Capriotti says.

Building and Grounds Head John O'Hara has recently posted trespassing signs here. Visitors without business are unwelcome.

The posting of these signs is an outgrowth of action taken last year to penalize ex-student, David Levenberg.

Levenberg had trespassed onto school property and crashed into three cars in the rear parking lot. No charges were made since signs were not posted.

"No Parking" signs have been posted along the entrance and exit drives from the rear parking lot.

"Signs are even being posted to indicate faculty parking spaces," Mr. Capriotti adds.

The school board rejected Mr. Capriotti's request for a traffic security guard here, but they contributed a trespassing sign which outlines the penalties.



Student Council President Joe Noce.

bulletin to all interested administrators on May 29, 1974.

MN has set ten day's suspension as a limit so far, Mr. Capriotti says. The administration requires that certain students confer with their parents, teachers, counselors, the school psychologists, or the principal.

Debra S. Weine, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Education, said Pennsylvania schools could suspend up to 30 days, in a

EDITORIALS

Capriotti Wants Student Advisory Council

May I express welcome to the student body of the Marple Newtown Senior High School for the coming school year. For the students new to our school district and our high school, I extend a special welcome and hope that you find our school challenging and meaningful. To all students, I wish much success during the coming year.

To this end, therefore, (to make the year more meaningful and successful), I will meet with the student council president; and the presidents of the senior, junior, and sophomore classes in order to create a Student Advisory Council which will provide input for changes in curriculum, as well as input to bring about a more efficient and relevant school.

This group, together with the Faculty Advisory Council, the Parents Advisory Council, and the PTO Executive Committee should create avenues of communications whereby our high school communications become more effective.

The week of August 5, 1974, will be remembered as a week when our system of government proved it works. A change of government came about because rational and reasonable leaders adhered to the law.

I hope that all of us could solve our problems in the same sensible fashion. Let's strive to do so.

Once again, best wishes to all for a most successful year. I will do all I can to make it so.

William C. Capriotti
Principal

CREATE COMPUTOR COMPETENCE

Not too surprisingly, report cards and class ranks were extremely late in coming out this summer.

Apparently, the work required by the school was completed on time and given over to the computer company. Then the computers started to go wrong. The science report cards had to be redone by hand, which, ironically, seems to be more efficient than computers.

According to state law, the school district is required to ask companies for bids. The lowest bidder receives the contract, unless it is proven that the company will not live up to its responsibilities.

The company that was hired last year went bankrupt, and another company bought them out. The new company does not seem to be any better.

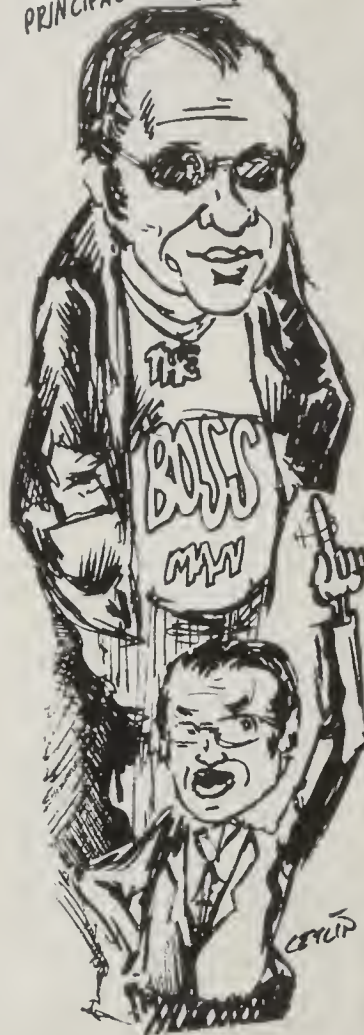
MN has utilized the computers since 1967. There always seems to be one problem or another with issuing report cards on time.

Students are required to submit assignments on time, so why shouldn't they expect report cards on time?

Perhaps it would be more beneficial for all concerned if administrators checked different computer companies.

In addition, they could check into having the work completed at the same costs by the small computers in the school and by hand. The difference in considering these possibilities would probably be more proficiency and increased speed.

MEET THE
PRINCIPAL OF MN



EDITORIAL COLUMN

Shock Resistor

Shock treatments are used many times in hospitals to jolt a person back to life. They are sometimes needed before one realizes something, too.

I received a shock treatment this summer when I went to Appalachia on a work project. It shocked me to see six people living in a filthy two-room shack.

It was a shock to see men sit around all day with no working incentive. It shocked me that few persons exceed sixth grade and about 70% of the people are illiterate.

The Appalachian people are caught in a vicious cycle. Few persons realize that education is a way to break it. There is no money for the schools. Subjects are unrelated to the closed off life of the people, and they quit school. continued on page 3

Obituaries

Incoming Senior Michael MaHaffey died on July 5 when his car swerved off West Chester Pike onto an embankment and rolled over several times. Newtown Square Police say MaHaffey was driving Westbound, 1000 feet west off Tuxedo Avenue, when the accident occurred. Three passengers were seriously injured. MaHaffey's family lives in the Lawrence Park section of Broomall.

Expelled MN student, David Levenberg, 20, was found dead of an apparent drug overdose at the City Line Motor Inn of Philadelphia at 12:50 p.m., July 6. Levenberg had been fined \$30 when he recklessly drove into three cars in the rear parking lot here on December 12, 1973. Levenberg is survived by his father who resides in Overbrook Park.

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Alumnus Joins Old Guard

Fifes and drums sounded as alumnus Stephen Gillespie joined the United States Army Old Guard at Independence Mall, July 5. The ceremony included demonstrations from the Old Guard and the Independence Fife and Drum Corps of Broomall.

Nine Teachers Join Faculty

Nine new teachers have joined the MN faculty for the 1974-75 school year.

Diane Reynolds, a new physical education teacher, is the new basketball coach. Reynolds received her B.S. from West Chester State College and taught at Doverford Sr. High School for six years.

Thomas Williams, an MN graduate, teaches English. He holds an M.A. from Villanova University.

Arlene Mitchell, who has taught previously at Paxon Hollow Jr. High School, has also joined the English Department here.

Sharon Graver teaches English here and at MN Jr. High School. Florence Solomon, a former substitute at MN, has her B.S. from Temple University and is now teaching English.

Donna Melnick has joined the foreign languages department as a Spanish teacher. Ms. Melnick holds a B.S. from Kutztown State College.

Tom Elam, a former science instructor at Paxon Hollow, teaches Chemistry here. Elam received a B.S. from Delaware Valley College.

Mitchel Itzko, who had taken a sabbatical leave last year, has returned to the social studies department.

James Maiale, former MN Jr. High School teacher, works with special education students. Maiale taught here two years ago.

Mr. Bennett, an English teacher, and Ms. Eremus, a French teacher, have been assigned from the MN faculty. Ms. Gazetski now teaches science at Paxon Hollow Jr. High School.

Skating Band

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The Spectrum when the Ice Capades come to Philadelphia on February 18, 1975.

Band members say they will practice during the year for the performance.

Thirty selected band members travelled to the Atlantic City Civic Center on August 21 to evaluate the details of the performance, receive publicity shots, view the Ice Capades, and break the ice."

THE TIGER'S EYE



In mid-August, I attended the National High School Mascot's Convention at Atlantic City Convention Hall. The drive to the shore was a tough one since I had to travel with the Paxon Hollow Jaguar, the Junior High Panther, and the Cardinal O'Hara Lion.

These three beasts howled about nothing but bikini-clad lionesses and a Panther Princess they knew back in Africa. The three of them roomed in the same hotel, and I stayed with another local resident, the Springfield Cougar.

The first day of the convention was boring. Speeches and more speeches. The meat they served for lunch was not raw enough, and after lunch the roar of speeches continued.

Debates were common, and the biggest topic grunted by animals was which mascot had the best football team. I stayed out of these discussions and went to the beach with

a Tigress from Wala Wala, Washington. I was going to give a report on the convention at an assembly, but I'm not yet fit to be seen in public. Not with my sunburn anyway.

On the second day, photographs of each mascot's cheerleaders were passed around. Surprisingly, our cheerleaders placed 8th out of 47. Some of those "Southern belles" have the hairiest legs, though. Videotapes were also shown of football teams in action.

Then I was elected president of The United Mascot Association, and for next year I have decided to hold the convention in one of our L.G.I. rooms.

A few more days of chasing sea gulls on the beach, attacking pigeons on the boardwalk and going on rides (The Springfield Cougar got sick on the roller coaster), and it was back to "good old MN."

Counselors Limit Electives

Sophomores and juniors can still only choose English electives from a list of five courses, the counseling department says.

The five courses include American Literature, World Literature, Development of the Novel, Poetry, and Shakespearean Seminar.

Each sophomore must choose one of these as his English elective for his junior year, Ms. Ann Speer of the counseling staff says. Juniors must do the same for their senior year.

Other English courses cannot be taken as electives but, rather, in place of math, science, or language courses. Several teachers have talked about changing this policy, but little action has been taken.

Smokers To Be Accommodated

Three student smoking areas will remain installed throughout the school year as long as they are not abused, Mr. Capriotti says.

Smoking areas include the macadam area between
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Capriotti To Employ Parents

Students may soon resolve problems with an ombudsman if they cannot speak with their parents, teachers, counselors, or administrators, Mr. Capriotti says.

The ombudsman, originally suggested by MN graduate Bob Dezmelyk in last year's student council, would be a parent in charge of helping students who cannot obtain advice elsewhere.

"I could see that certain students would feel inhibited speaking to me or a counselor," Mr. Capriotti says.

Mr. Capriotti says he will talk to several parents about the idea. He says the ombudsman would probably receive appointments from the students themselves and would have no office.

"An office turns a lot of people off," he adds.

Mr. Capriotti says an ombudsman would maintain confidentiality as counselors and school psychologists have done in the past.

SOPHOMORES LEARN RULES

Sophomores were given a tour of the building and introduced to the policies here if they attended the second annual Sophomore Orientation Program on August 14.

Mr. Capriotti urged attending parents to get involved with PTO. He told students that smoking at the wrong time or place was an automatic three-day's suspension with no make-up privileges.

Smoking inside the building is an automatic ten-day's suspension, Mr. Capriotti added.

Mr. Best spoke on extra-curricular activities and attendance. The first time a student cuts a class, we call home. The second time, the student receives one-day's suspension, and a parental conference is called. The third time, the student is suspended for three days, Mr. Best says.

Mr. Best also told sophomores that absentees will be called at home randomly each day of school.

Mr. Shafer described the tenth grade curriculum and explained graduation requirements. He showed how the credit system works.

Mr. Raymond Betz explained the uses of the counseling services, the career center, class rank, and the ATP program.

Appalachia

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Seeing all of this made me realize how fortunate we are to attend Marple Newtown High School, where there are programs relating to almost everyone. There are activities for everyone's interests, and an environment which stresses learning. The quality of our education can be seen in the great amount of students going on to post-graduation training or education.

There are still things to complain about at MN. These should be voiced to Mr. Capriotti or Student Council, both of which are open for ideas and change.

We should all be thankful we have this year to learn as much as we want. Hopefully, a shock treatment will not be needed to convince you of this.

Sherri McCandless

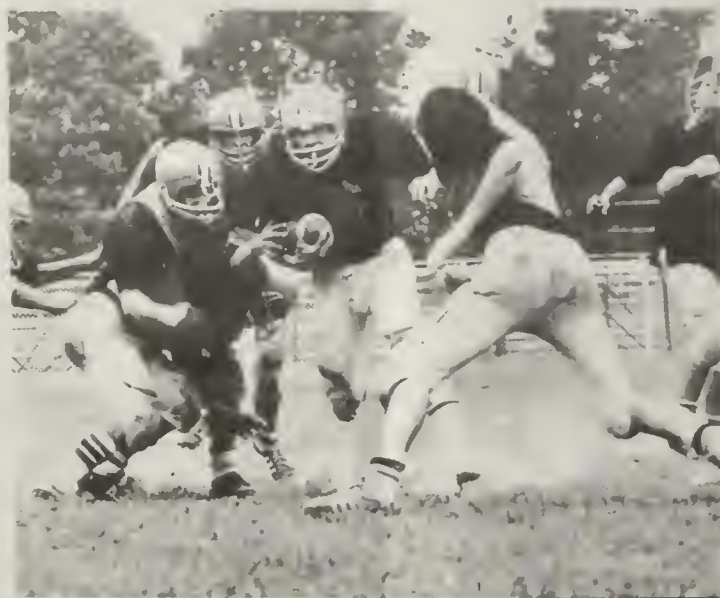
Tigers Attend Training Camp With Tougher Attitudes

Each summer, thousands of high school football players across the country get in shape to meet the tough demands of an upcoming season. This was the case on August 20 as the MN football team began training camp.

This year's team will differ from previous teams because Harry Miller, MN's head varsity football coach since 1969, resigned in June. Taking over the reins as coach is Robert Kenig, MN's varsity defensive coordinator for the past five years.

Coach Kenig is very optimistic about his team. MN's Fighting Tigers Football Team will change offensively and "throw the ball more," Kenig says. Kenig says while he is coach, he will stress discipline and attitude toughness.

Assistant coaches for the year include Mr. James Maiale, Mr. Fred McConley, Mr. Donald Ott, and Mr.



Varsity Tigers prepare for opener against Lions as they practice tackling in training camp.

James Schmidt.

Tri-Captains for the Varsity are Herman Sampson, Burke Maze, and Donn Cornman. The season opener will

be against the O'Hara Lions on Sept. 21, at the Harry Harvey Field. The Lions took the city championship last year.

CHEERLEADERS PRACTICE DURING SUMMER

If you happened to be around MN this summer, you probably heard some distant cheers. This is because the 1974-75 MN Cheerleading Squad has been practicing since the last week in June.

Once a week, the girls trained in June and July and twice a week in August. The team consists of sixteen girls with senior Kim Lawrence as team captain and Donna Wood as manager.

Other seniors include Julie Sam, Amy Ervin, Bev Shore, and Becky Schwartz. Juniors include Sue Hartman, Lorraine Kazangian, Laurie Schwartz, Jamie Gardner, Darlene MacCombie, and Lynn Matchica. Bev Baker, Connie Freeth, Debbie Hayes, Anne Jones, and Ellen McColl are the sophomores on the squad.

The girls' fund raising projects for the year will include pretzel and bake sales and advertisement sales for football programs.

Administrators Trade Offices, Revise Work

Assistant Principals have switched offices for the 1974-75 school year.

Assistant to the Principal David A. Williams will now work in Mr. Best's former office. Mr. Williams will control attendance, assembly, use of the building, and the cafeteria.

Assistant Principals James R.W. Best and James A. Shafer will work in the office held by Mr. Williams and Mr. Shafer last year.

Mr. Best will deal specifically with half the senior class and the junior class. Mr. Shafer will handle sophomores and the other half of the senior class.

Jones

Follows Bonder As Athletic Director

Faculty Manager and Physical Education Instructor Allan Jones will succeed Lou Bonder as Athletic Director. Mr. Bonder will serve as Director of Health and Physical Education.

MN Takes Fourth In Soccer

This summer, the masses were playing soccer.

Alumni were playing on the football field, freshmen had a small game alongside the upper field, and two summer-league divisions were in practice.

The Northern Division included teams north of West Chester Pike and the Southern Division, teams south of it. MN entered two teams, the "A" team being the best.

The top teams finished closely. MN kicked themselves into fourth place, only one point from third, and a few points from second.

In the first round of the playoffs, MN beat Downtown, 7-0. This earned them the right to play Great Valley in the second round.

Although the game was very close, a fluke goal gave Great Valley the win.



MN Soccer Player Scott Borbridge covers Josh Schwartz in varsity offensive action.

This eliminated MN from further competition. In the final game, Haverford beat Penncrest.

THREE SMOKING AREAS

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the cafeteria and the physical education wing, the cemented walkway between the Music Department and the Industrial Arts Depart-

ment, and the cemented walkway beneath the overpass connecting the old and new wings of the school.

The smoking area ad-

jacent to room 122, which was closed last year because of abuse, will remain closed. Mr. Capriotti says.